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in modern primary education, and present-day tendencies in the kindergarten. Miss Vandewalker maintains that the primary school would still be formal, wooden, mechanical, if it were not for the kindergarten, which has compelled the primary teacher to assume a different attitude toward her pupils, and to introduce games and plays, constructive activities, drawing, music, etc., into the schoolroom. It is certain that some of the readers of her book will think that she claims too much for the kindergarten in its influence upon the elementary school, and neglects other and very powerful forces that have been at work to make the teaching and discipline of the primary school more vital and sane and effective.

Miss Vandewalker recognizes that the kindergarten as developed by Froebel must be modified in respect to details at any rate to conform to the requirements for healthful and effective education as indicated by modern science. Moreover, there are peculiarities in the social organization and the temperament of American people which require that the kindergarten must be adaptable, or else it will not become a part of the public-school system of our country. It is occasion for congratulation that the leaders in the kindergarten movement, such as the author of this volume, are thoroughly progressive, and eager to keep the kindergarten fully abreast of scientific investigation, while at the same time preserving its peculiar temper and quality.

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American Communities and Co-operative Colonies. By WILLIAM ALFRED HINDS, PH.D. Second Revision. Chicago: Kerr, 1908. Pp. 608.

This book is written for the purpose of convincing its readers that the ultimate aim of social development is communism as the recognized basis of society. For this purpose there is an encyclopedic array of facts concerning most of the communistic movements in American history. The book aims to be scientific; the author wishes to become authority on the subject. He has succeeded in giving us a valuable book of reference abounding in facts but very popular in character.

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